



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
**Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board**  
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Executive Director

***Approved 8/9/05***

Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, June 21, 2005  
1:00 p.m.  
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office  
HIOSH Training Room  
830 Punchbowl Street #425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Members in Attendance: Allan Parker, Roy Akamine, Tom Vendetta and Ex. Dir. Lora Contreras.

Excused: Mel Miyamoto & Kerwin Chong.

Call to order: Quorum was met. The meeting was called to order by Chair Allan Parker at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of April 19, 2005.

Tom Vendetta moved, seconded by Roy Akamine to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion approved unanimously.

Community Concerns: None

Director's Report: No crane accidents had been reported from HIOSH. Ralph Cushnie and Ernest Balatincz were confirmed on 4/8/05, replacing outgoing board members Mel Miyamoto and Kerwin Chong. Both terms begin on July 1, 2005. The amendment is still pending approval by DLIR Director (submitted to Doreen Miyake on May 19, 2005).

New Business: Tower Cranes and Extended Special Certifications.

Discussion continued on certification for tower cranes and special certifications as follows:

- written testing only
- contractors will not put an inexperienced operator on a tower crane
- hours should not be a requirement for certification

- lattice boom is actually more complicated to operate and the operator should be able to operate a tower crane if already certified for another crane
- probably less than 15 tower crane operators statewide
- contractors call the union if they require specific equipment operators.

Chair Parker will survey current tower crane operators to find out what other specialty certifications they have. Further discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Non compliance operators and contractors.

A call was received through HIOSH from a certified crane operator concerned that non certified operators were being hired by companies. Discussion ensued and the board agreed unanimously to request an AG opinion through the Director to authorize DLIR compliance officers to cite non certified operators and contractors immediately.

Unfinished Business: None

Executive Session: None

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Next board meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2005, 1:00 pm.

Adjournment: Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

HAND-OUTS:

None